

# **BAWNMORE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE REPORT:**

## **Financial Year:**

-April 2022- March 2023.

## **Address:**

56 Bawnmore Park

Newtownabbey,

BT36 7BN

**Charity Commission Number- 107376**

## **Our Aims and Purposes:**

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## **Summary of Charity's Main Activities and Achievements This Financial Year.**

- Summer Festival Funday 2022 in partnership with Greencastle Rovers providing a fun family day for all with Inflatables, a BBQ, Football competitions and Pony Rides- Benefit provided to families and young people.
- Cultural day event August 2022 in collaboration with Arts Ekta held in Mill Green Youth Centre- Provided a benefit to all our community and build inter-ethnic relations.
- Irish language classes in Partnership with Wolf tones- Benefit of promoting the Irish Language to the residents.
- Life coaching sessions delivered Helen Mc Killen throughout the year- providing a broad benefit through offering support on a wide range of issues.
- Christmas event 2022: Christmas light switch on and family fun event. We also ran a Christmas buffet and Bingo with live entertainment for senior citizens- Provided a benefit to all the community, particularly our older residents.
- Health Event alongside Action Cancer for breast screening March 2023- provided a benefit to all our female residents.
- We were a nominated for All Ireland Pride of place Award by Antrim & Newtownabbey Council which we were awarded runner up in the best Estate Category.

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Mr Colin Denvir

Date Report Was Approved- 18/12/2023

Trustee Signatures-

*C. McGhee*

*E Martin*

*Colin Denvir*

## CONSTITUTION

### NAME

The name of the Association shall be the Bawnmore and District Residents Association hereinafter called "the Association".

### OBJECTS

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### MEMBERSHIP

- a) The membership shall be open to all adult residents of Bawnmore Park, Place, Grove and Terrace, Finlay Park, Newtown Gardens, Mill Road, Old Mill Drive and Court.
- b) The club shall have the right to suspend or expel a member who acts in a manner inimical to the interests of the club. Such a person shall have the right of appeal.
- c) Membership fees shall be decided by the Committee.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Once in each year, in the month of May, the Association shall convene an Annual general Meeting which all members shall be entitled to attend. The purposes of the Meeting shall be to-

- a) Receive the Annual Report of the Association
- b) Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts
- c) Appoint the Honorary Officers of the Association
- d) Accept recommendations of members of the Association
- e) Make recommendations to the Association
- f) Whenever necessary, vote on proposals to amend this Constitution in accordance with agreed rules.

### COMMITTEE

- a) The Committee shall consist of no more than ten members.
- b) Eight members of the Committee, duly proposed and seconded, shall be elected at the A.G.M.
- c) The Committee may co-opt a further two members.

### OFFICERS

A Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary shall be elected by the members of the committee after the A.G.M.

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairperson of the Association or the Secretary may at any time at their discretion and shall within 21 days of receiving a written request to do so, signed by not less than 10 members having the power to vote and giving reasons for the request call a Special General Meeting of the Association for the purpose of altering the Constitution in accordance with agreed rules hereof or of considering any matter which can be referred to them by the Association or for any other purpose.

### RULES OF PROCEDURE AT ALL MEETINGS

#### a) VOTING

A question arising from the meeting shall be decided by a majority of those present unless otherwise agreed.

#### b) QUORUM

One-third of members shall form the quorum at meeting of the Committee. Ten members shall form a quorum at General Meetings of the Association.

#### c) MINUTES

Minute books will be kept by the Association, the appropriate Secretary shall enter therein a record of all proceedings and resolutions.

### FINANCE

- a) The Association's year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March
- b) No portion of the income or assets of the Association shall be distributed amongst members of the Association by way of dividend, bonus or profit but shall be used exclusively for the objects of the Association, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable proper payment of out-of-pocket expenditure.
- c) The Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Association.
- d) An Statement of accounts for the last financial year shall be submitted by the Association to the Annual general Meeting.
- e) A Bank Account shall be opened in the name of the Association. The Officers of the Association shall have the power to sign cheques. All cheques must bear the signature of at least two Officers from three authorized signatories.

### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

The Constitution shall not be altered except by resolution passed by a simple majority of members of the association present and voting at an Annual general Meeting or at a Special general Meeting. Notice of such amendments shall be submitted to the Honorary

Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the Annual general meeting and shall be included on the Agenda for the Meeting.

#### DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved at any time by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Association. Such resolution may give instruction for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall be given or transferred to such other institutions or institution (having objects similar to some or all objects of the Association) as the Association may with such approvals as are necessary, determine.

THE CONSTITUTION WAS ADOPTED AS THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BAWNMORE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AT A MEETING DULY CONVENED AT THE MILL GREEN YOUTH CENTRE ON 15 MARCH 1995

SEAMUS KELLY

CHAIRPERSON

ELIZABETH MARTIN

HONORARY SECRETARY